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WASHINGTON, October 4, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 29 totaled 351,129, up 0.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 0.3 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down .4 percent in the West and up 0.8 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, chemical loadings rose 1,941 cars (7 percent), loadings of metals and products were up 1,458 cars (15.3 percent) and grain loadings were down 3,272 cars (12.7 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 39 weeks of 1990 totaled 13,191,934, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 134,603 trailers and containers for the week ended September 29, up 5.7 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of 1990 was 4,606,759 trailers and containers, 3.8 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 29 totaled 21.3 billion, up 2.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 781.7 billion ton-miles, up 3.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	22,593	25,865	-12.7 %	24,123	-6.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,847	1,972	-6.3	1,974	-6.4
Metallic Ores	18,037	17,581	2.6	15,728	14.7
Coal	134,716	134,562	.1	138,780	-2.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,373	17,340	-5.6	17,005	-3.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,096	9,927	1.7	9,740	3.7
Grain Mill Products	10,140	10,093	.5	10,201	-.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,199	8,749	5.1	8,720	5.5
Primary Forest Products	9,981	10,354	-3.6	10,073	-.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,663	7,647	-12.9	5,878	13.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,841	10,639	1.9	10,155	6.8
Chemicals	29,781	27,840	7.0	28,644	4.0
Petroleum Products	5,644	5,604	.7	5,579	1.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,030	11,200	-1.5	10,506	5.0
Coke	5,973	5,689	5.0	5,856	2.0
Metals & Products	11,005	9,547	15.3	10,200	7.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,399	19,539	4.4	19,956	2.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,700	8,847	9.6	9,040	7.3
All Other Carloads	7,111	7,227	-1.6	7,989	-11.0
Total	351,129	350,222	.3 %	350,147	.3 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 39 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1990		
	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	351,129	350,222	.3 %	13,191,934	13,046,010	1.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	75,079	76,198	-1.5	2,572,290	2,591,419	-.7
Containers	59,524	51,195	16.3	2,034,469	1,848,566	10.1
Total	134,603	127,393	5.7	4,606,759	4,439,985	3.8
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.3	20.7	2.9 %	781.7	754.7	3.6 %

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